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## Amendment and Request for Reconsideration After Final Rejection

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and in response to the Office Action in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 17-28 and 30-44, and which was mailed on March 25, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are submitted for your consideration. These remarks are offered in order to either reduce or, at the least more clearly define, the differences between the Applicants' position and that of the Examiner.

A Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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